

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1691 - HB 1528

January 30, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Three Stars of Tennessee Award for peace officers, firefighters, and medical first responders killed or injured in the line of duty. Creates three separate advisory committees to advise the Governor on the issuance, design, recipient selection, and presentation of such awards. Requires each committee to meet annually and authorizes committee members to be reimbursed for attendance at such meetings. Each committee will be composed of three members. Requires the Governor, or the Governor's designee, to present the Awards on, or as near as possible to, September 11 of each year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$21,500

Assumptions:

- The proposed bill does not specify what department would administer the program and be responsible for reimbursing the members of the advisory committees. Estimate assumes the expenditures will be to the general fund.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (C&I), the average cost per person for a board member who attends a meeting is \$380. With nine members attending three meetings each year the total travel costs is estimated to be \$10,260 (\$380 x 9 members x 3 annual meetings).
- C&I estimates there will be 25 awards for fire fighters and 25 awards for peace officers each year. Estimate assumes the same number (25) for medical first responders who are killed or injured in the line of duty.
- The cost of each award which consists of a medal, ribbon, and certificate would be \$150. The recurring expenditure for 75 awards is \$11,250 (\$150 x 75 awards).
- The total recurring expenditure is \$21,510 (\$10,260 + \$11,250).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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